



DRAFT MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD
7447 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, Arizona
December 17, 2003
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Dan Basinger, Board Chair. The presence of a quorum was noted.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dan Basinger, Chair
 Ron Hand
 Don Manthe, Vice Chair
 Randy Nussbaum (left the meeting at 7:15pm)
 Jay Spector

Members Absent: Michele Cohen
 Brian Munson

City Staff Present: Larry Person
 Anthony Floyd
 Chuck Skidmore
 Judy Register
 John Little
 Kira Wauwie
 Shannon Wallace

Other Attendees: Belle Starr
 Cecilia Aguillon
 Andrea Tintle

Jeffrey Neugebauer
Mary Grace Hime
Zach Hand

Chair Basinger introduced new Board Member Jay Spector and welcomed him to the Board. Mr. Spector provided his background for the Board and expressed pleasure in joining the EQAB. Chair Basinger advised the Board that Mayor and Council had approved his reappointment as well.

APPROVAL OF 11/19/03 MEETING MINUTES

Board Member Nussbaum moved to approve the 11/19/03 minutes as presented. Board Member Hand seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by a vote of five (5) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

- **EnviroKidsFest '04**

- a. Marketing Update

Ms. Wallace distributed a press release schedule for Sol Fest and EnviroKidsFest and discussed the information contained therein. She explained that Bartholomeaux/Public Relations and the City of Scottsdale were sharing promotion of the event. Ms. Wallace went on to list the various print, electronic and television and radio promotions. She reviewed the materials sent to Scottsdale school educators in order to gauge the level of interest. She noted that a voucher would be included in the March 2004 utility bill, which would provide free admission to the event for two people. Ms. Starr added that over 180,000 tickets are being given to the citizens of Scottsdale for Sol Fest. Ms. Wallace concluded by pointing out a proclamation, in anticipation that it would be endorsed by the Governor naming Sol Fest and EnviroKidsFest as Official Arizona Earth Day Events.

- b. Board Member reports on board/commission contacts

Mr. Person reported that through the efforts of Board Members Cohen and Munson, five city Boards have now passed resolutions supporting the city's involvement in Sol Fest and EnviroKidsFest. He noted that a copy of the newly revised Sustainability Indicators Report had been provided to those Boards and requested that the Board Members contact the remaining Boards and Commissions and

present copies of the Sustainability Indicators Report in conjunction with their Sol Fest-EnviroKidsFest presentation.

c. Sol Fest Update

Ms. Starr stated that an agreement had been signed with the City of Scottsdale, making its partnership with Sol Fest official. She noted the involvement of many city departments and entities. She mentioned the possibility of three different power sources for Sol Fest including a photovoltaic array, two bio-diesel generators, and a hydrogen generator. She pointed out the various national and local advertising resources. Ms. Starr noted that the Scottsdale Tribune was partnering in the event also and would provide event guide inserts. She reiterated the need for volunteers, and once again thanked the Board for its support.

Ms. Hime requested clarification as to the amount of support being asked of the Green Building Committee. She noted that the members of the Committee were acting as volunteers, taking time away from their own businesses. She asked if there had been any discussion as to revenue sharing with the City of Scottsdale. Mr. Person replied that all of the terms and conditions had been included in Sol Fest's contract with the City and that the concerns of the Green Building Committee had been addressed.

- **Noise Issues**

Mr. Little reviewed the noise issues and stated that noise is a problem for some, but not all, noting that only two percent of the citizens identified noise as a significant problem. He discussed the differences between approaching the problem from a regulatory or an educational standpoint. Mr. Little referred to the development of standards and enforcement issues associated with the regulatory approach. He noted the predominance of single event noise as the primary offender. Mr. Little pointed out the benefits of the educational approach in that there is no limitation to the noise issues that could be addressed. He referred to a study done by Harris, Miller, Miller and Hanson Inc. and recommendations as to methods to reduce noise both inside and outside of the home. He added that the report would be available on the City's website with links to other resources relating to noise mitigation.

Mr. Little responded to a question from Vice Chair Manthe relative to aircraft noise. He stated that the options for takeoff and landing at Scottsdale airport are limited by the topography, and that the reality is

that the growth rate of the Valley will only continue to result in a demand for more air traffic. On a more optimistic note, Mr. Little stated that the west side of the Valley might open up for air traffic and that technology was producing newer, quieter jets. He reviewed other potential options for restrictions on flights at Scottsdale airport, but discounted their viability.

Ms. Register indicated that Neighborhood Revitalization was hosting a Residential Revitalization Expo in March. She suggested that the noise HMMH report could be distributed to those citizens requesting that type of information. Board Member Specter proposed partnering with Home Depot or Lowes in promoting soundproofing methods. He also suggested a dialogue with homeowners associations and property management companies.

Ms. Wauwie discussed the noise issue in the context of zoning and big box development. She noted that many of the problems mentioned by Mr. Little relative to regulation were also encountered by her department. She explained that a conditional use permit and noise study were required dependent upon the documented anticipated noise level as part of the plan of operation for the big box projects. She went on to explain other applications for the conditional use permit with regard to noise issues.

Ms. Register advised the Board Members that they would need to present a recommendation to City Council regarding revisions to the existing noise ordinances by February. She suggested that perhaps a joint report with Neighborhood Enhancement and/or Transportation would be appropriate.

- **ESLO Revisions Recommendation-Vice Chair Manthe**

Vice Chair Manthe reported to the Board Members that the revisions to ESLO were ongoing as many elements were still at issue.

- **Environmental Report To Council Chairman Basinger**

Chair Basinger distributed a draft copy of the environmental report and asked for input from the Board Members. The following suggestions were made.

1. Under EQAB Objectives – Support Environmental Programs: add f.) Children’s Environmental Health.
2. Under Green Building – change US Green Building LEEDS to US Green Building Council LEED green building rating system.

3. Under Green Building e.) change LEEDS certified buildings to LEED certified municipal buildings.
4. Page 3, Section 5, line 4 change it's to its.
5. Vice Chair Manthe agreed to work with Chair Basinger on restating the Water Conservation statement.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Utility Sponsored Renewable Energy Programs**

Mr. Person explained that Ms. Singleton, SRP was unable to make her presentation to the Board this evening, but that Ms. Aguillon from Kyocera, had offered to speak to the Board on this topic and related issues.

Ms. Aguillon discussed the background of Kyocera in the field of photovoltaic equipment. She expressed the commitment of Kyocera to Sol Fest. Ms. Aguillon referred to the utility rebates for installation of photovoltaic systems and the goal of Kyocera to ensure the success of the program through adequate marketing. She envisioned Scottsdale as a leader in the utilization of photovoltaic systems.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Green Building Report**

Mr. Floyd provided an update on city facilities noting that the first project team meeting would be in January. He also advised the Board Members that Mr. Davis, a member of the Green Building Committee, had learned of an ASU sustainable building initiative and suggested that the City of Scottsdale take a proactive stance in making an effort to partner in the initiative. He also mentioned that a green building retreat had been suggested.

Mr. Skidmore discussed the progress of solar cooling discussions with regard to the senior center.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- **Board Member discussion of environmental topics**

Chair Basinger stated that a request had been made to move the meeting time back to 5:00 pm. After a brief discussion, it was decided to compromise on a 5:15 pm start time for the next meeting.

Chair Basinger noted that Board Member Cohen had inquired about the possibility of a tour of the Solid Waste Facility and asked if any of the other Board Members were interested. Board Member Spector and Hand indicated interest in such a tour. Board Member Spector also expressed interest in touring the Waste Water Facility.

- **Next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2004.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made and duly seconded, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg
Court Reporter